

**IBFAN Briefing for Member States:
Agenda Item 12.6 Maternal, infant and young child
nutrition A71/A/CONF./4. May 23rd 2018**



The **Infant and young child feeding draft resolution** (sponsored by Botswana, Canada, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Russia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Thailand and Zambia) **is now opened for drafting.**

The original draft resolution has provisions that protect –

- ***Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative***
- ***The International Code and relevant WHA resolutions***
- ***Guidance on Ending inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and Young Children (69/9)***
- ***Guidance on infant and young child feeding in emergencies***
- ***Safeguards on conflicts of Interest***

We urge all Member States to work for a Resolution that is as health protective as possible, especially on the above 5 key areas, *especially safeguard conflicts on interest in nutrition programmes.*

Important to note that the **Maternal, infant and young child nutrition decision proposed by US does not** provide safeguards for the above 5 key elements.

Parts of the US proposed Decision that would be risky and could lead to a weakening of safeguards. (A71/A/CON./5)

OP5 to request to the Director General

- (a) to provide, upon request, technical support to Member States in implementation, monitoring, and the assessment of recommendations, such as the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, to support infant and young child feeding, including in emergencies, [*and to review national experiences with implementing such recommendations and the mobilization of resources to build the evidence base on their effectiveness, and consider changes, if needed;*]

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